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SUBJECT : DEATH AT SEA OF RAPHAEL FARMER, 17 OCT.
- 1942, TENNESSEE "Z" CARD NUMBER 1209337

REF: TAIPEI 3430

TO: MR. R. D. FARMER, SR.
606 STIMSON DRIVE
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

CASUALTY MESSAGE

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM
YOU OF THE DEATH AT SEA OF YOUR SON, RAPHAEL D. FARMER,
JR., ABOARD THE UNITED STATES STEAM SHIP SAMUEL
CHASE ON MAY 29, 1978. THE DEATH OCCURRED WHILE THE
VESSEL WAS AT SEA BETWEEN THE PORTS OF INCHON,
KOREA, AND KEELUNG, TAIWAN. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT DETAILS OF THE DEATH HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED
TO YOU BY THE OWNER OF THE SHIP, THE WATERMAN
STEAMSHIP LINE OF NEW ORLEANS. AN INQUIRY WILL BE
MADE BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES INTO THE CAUSE OF
YOUR SON'S DEATH, BUT IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT
HE DIED AS A RESULT OF A VIOLENT ALTERCATION WITH
ANOTHER SEAMAN.

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2. THE MASTER OF THE SS SAMUEL CHASE HAS TAKEN
CHARGE OF YOUR SON'S EFFECTS. INFORMATION ABOUT
THE EFFECTS AND THE WAGES DUE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
THE MASTER OF THE SHIP THROUGH THE WATERMAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED THAT YOUR SON'S REMAINS BE BURIED AT SEA. THE EMBASSY WILL COORDINATE WITH THE WATERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN TAIWAN TO SEE THAT YOUR WISHES ARE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

4. IN THE MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH, YOU SHOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE AN AUTOPSY OR POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH. PLEASE CABLE THIS AUTHORIZATION TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI, POSSIBLY THROUGH THE WATERMAN COMPANY.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, THEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY TELEPHONING 331-3551 IN TAIPEI. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. AMEMBASSY, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
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